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Congressman William F. Ryan
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Dear Congressman Ryan:

Many thankd for replying to my letter of September 28th. I can well imagine how busy you are and am deeply grateful for your efforts in this matter.

Acting on your suggestion I submit the following questions, and some information:

A.) To what extent has there been an investigation of the possibility of foul play in Underhill's death?
B.) Was an autopsy conducted? And did it determine the day of his death? (One source reported that the body had already turned green on May 8th and that Underhill had in fact been dead a few days.)
C.) Is it a fact that Underhill is alleged to have shot himself with a gun held in his left hand behind the ear? (Underhill was right handed.)
D.) Was the deceased under the care of a psychiatrist in the months preceding his death?
E.) Was the suicide weapon from Underhill's gun collection?
F.) Does the Washington, D. C. police department know that the deceased told a friend in New York in November 1963 that he feared for his life.

Item F. is of course the reason for my interest. He did not tell me he was afraid he would be murdered, but he did tell a mutual friend and I remember the conversation quite well. Some time in ~~XXXXXXXX~~ June I recalled this information and dropped him a note. His estranged wife, Mrs. Patricia D. Underhill dropped me a card on June 15, and told me that Underhill had "died" on May 8th.

If my letter occasions any interest on the part of Washington authorities they can reach me at this address or by calling Tr 4 - 7438.

Again, many thanks for your help in this matter.

Cordially,

John Donovan